



Mares Pond

FALMOUTH

28 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

Mares Pond
Falmouth
Barnstable County
Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.5879521 N Longitude: 70.5985762 W



28 Acres
Depth: 24 Feet Average
57 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Trout

General Information:

Mares Pond is a 28 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 24 feet and a maximum depth of 57 feet. Transparency is excellent, extending to 20 feet, and aquatic vegetation is relatively scarce. The bottom is composed of rubble, gravel and sand. The 0.83 miles of shoreline is moderately developed with permanent homes. In the summer, trout water (less than 70 F and greater than 5 ppm dissolved oxygen can be found between 17 to 29 feet.

Access:

Mares Pond is located in the Teaticket section of Falmouth, north of Brick Kiln Road and east of Falmouth High School. To get there from the Bourne Bridge, take Route 28 south to Brick Kiln Road, head East on Brick Kiln Road and then left (North) onto Locustfield Road and then right (East) onto Harriet Road. The small town landing parking lot is to the right. Access is a steep trail suitable only for shore fishermen and waders, or very determined canoers. ***Restrictions: Electric motors only, enforced by the town.***

Management History:

During the July 17, 1912 survey, the pond was surrounded entirely by woods and black bass, eels, yellow and white perch were reported. Between 1918 and 1955, it was stocked with brook trout, smallmouth bass, rainbow smelt eggs, white perch, yellow perch, brown bullhead, black crappie, and bluegill. It was partially reclaimed in June of 1954, and 212.4 lbs of fish were removed including yellow perch (178 lbs), smallmouth bass (17.9 lbs), brown bullhead (13.1 lbs), pumpkinseeds (2.1 lbs), and a trace of tessellated (johnny) darters. It was totally reclaimed for trout management in August of 1956 and 218.1 pounds of fish were removed including 128.1 lbs of pumpkinseeds, 75.4 lbs of bullheads, and smaller amounts of eels, yellow perch, white perch, banded killifish and tessellated darters. It was reclaimed again in 1958 and contained trout and about 40 lbs per acre of brown bullhead. The pond was stocked with adult smallmouth bass brood stock in 1981.

Fish Populations:

The most recent fisheries survey on Mares Pond was on September 23, 1993 and captured largemouth bass, banded killifish, smallmouth bass, yellow perch and rainbow trout. Brown bullhead have also been reported.

Fishing:

Mares Pond is annually stocked in the spring with brook, brown and rainbow trout (and tiger trout when available). Due to the large amount of coldwater habitat available, it regularly produces some nice holdover browns and rainbows. Wading and casting small spoons and spinners, sinking minnow imitations or weighted streamers is an effective technique for connecting with the trout here. As there is very little structure, one area is pretty much as good as another, although the "flats" at the south end of the pond are said to attract cruising brown trout, particularly during the hour around sunrise. During cold winters, this pond has been known to produce some good ice fishing for trout. Although trout are the major attraction in this pond, both largemouth bass and smallmouth bass should provide some good action.

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